Secta. 11-39—100,000—21-6-48.

FOOD (1948) Department.

SERIES.

G.O. No. 983

Dated 8.11.48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Wheat--Stocks in the Districts--Condition and Disposal--Loss due to cleaning of deteriorated stocks--Papers--Recorded.

Condition of foodgrains:

The maize in almost all the shops was found to be physically in very good condition, that is to say there were no live weevils. All the grain dust created by the weevils, before fumigation, however, was in the stock itself so that the grain presented a very unattractive appearance. Moreover, the consumer will lose a certain quantity because he would have to clean the maize before eating it. All such maize before issue from wholesale godowns should be cleaned after fumigation and whatever maize has been issued already should be cleaned in the shops. This may entail some loss to the shop inrespect of stocks already received, but it should be possible for the Madras Government to find out a rough and ready method of compensating the shop keeper. The maize is already unpopular and it should not be made more unpopular by giving out 10% of grain dust with it.

The wheat in some of the shops was absolutely rotten. The reason seems to be that the 3,000 tons of wheat which was stored for a very long time in order that only confirmed wheat eaters and people with medical certificates should get it has now been released when it has badly deteriorated. The quality was such that it could never be put in a shop in North India. All such wheat in the shops must thoroughly be cleaned and where it is found to be too much deteriorated, it should be withdrawn and issued as fodder. The Madras Government will entail some loss on this account but the fact is that this wheat should never have been issued to the Relief Shops.

The quality of rice and paddy was satisfactory every where. Milo also was, generally speaking, in good condition.

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Food Department (C)

Memo No.24679C/48-2 dated/30.5.48.

Sub: Maize--Cleaning of maize to make it more popular.

During the recent tour of the Honourable the Food Minister (Government of India) in the provide it was observed that the grain dust in the maize in the ration and relief shops created by weevils before fumigation was there in the stock itself so that the grain presented a very unattractive appearance. If maize is issued in this form, the consumer will have to clean the maize before using it and will therefore be losing a certain quantity. With a view to make the consumption of maize more popular and to effect speedy disposal of the stocks the Government consider that fumigated maize should be cleaned before issue by adopting one of the three methods suggested below:-

1) Maize may be cleaned at the godowns at the expense of the Government before issue to the wholesalers.

2) The retailers may be asked to clean the stuff themselves under the supervision of some Government Officer on condition that the Government should pay compensation for the loss and expenditure incurred by them in such cleaning.

3) The retailers may be allowed to add a shall change

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to the issue price for purposes of cleaning and clean the stuff themselves.

The Board is requested to state which of the above 3 suggestions is economical and practicable and also to give an estimate of the expenditure involved.

2. The Government also direct that whenever fumigation stocks of maize are stored, they should be given first priority in the matter of release for consumption.

3. It was suggested at the discussions with Honourable Minister(Food) India that in order to popularise maize preparations, shop keepers should be given about half a bag of maize flour free so that they can make preparations out of it and distribute them for. The Government consider that it is unnecessary to adopt this suggestion.

(Sd.)
28.5.48.

To The Board of Revenue

Memo No.24679C/48-3 dated/30.5.48.

Subject: Wheat--Condition of wheat issued through ration and relief shops--Cleaning of.

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During the recent tour of the Honourable the Food Minister, Government of India it was observed that the wheat in some of the ration and relief shops was absolutely rotten and badly deteriorated. The Government consider that such stuff should be immediately condemned and disposed of as fodder. If the deterioration, however, has not gone so far as to render the grain unfit for human consumtion the stuff should be cleaned before issue by adopting one of the three methods suggested in Government Memorandum No. 24679-C/48-2 dated 30.5.48. The Board is requested to report to the Government as early as possible the quantity that requires cleaning the method by which cleaning is proposed to be done and the anticipated loss in cleaning. The actual 1 loss as finally ascertained should also be reported in due course.

Forwarded/By Order.

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DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT.

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Food (C) Department.

Memo.No.24679-C/48-4 dated 26.6.48.

Sub:- Foodgrains--Maize and wheat--cleaning of-- orders issued by the Board of Revenue (CS) clarification of.

Ref:- 1. Government Memo. No. 24679-C/48-2 d/30.5.48.
2. From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No.B. 73059/48-3, d/9.6.48.
3. From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No. 72058-H/48 d/7.6.48.

While the third method suggested in the Government Memo first cited has been adopted for cleaing maize stocks, it is observed from the Board's reference third cited that the first and second methods suggested have been adopted in the caseof wheat. The Board is requested to explain the need to adopt different methods for cleaning the grains in question.

2. The Government believe that the term 'issue price' is usually intended to connote the price at which the whole saler sells to the retailer or relief shop keeper and as such the question of fixing the issue price for the retailer will not generally arise. However, in its ref. 3rd cited, the implication of the term 'issue price' as contemplated by the Board does not appear to be quite clear. The Board is requested to clarify the point.

(Sd.)

To the Board of Revenue.(CS)

NOTE: TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE BOARD'S REFERENCE OF SAME NO. & DATE.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES) CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

V.S. HEJMADI ESQ., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

BOARD'S REF. 72058-H/48 (CS) dated/7.6.1948.

SUB: WHEAT-Stocks in the districts--Condition and disposal-Instructions.

(1) Board's Ref. 73058 H/48 CS dated 28.5.48.
(2) Government Memo No.24679 C/48-3 d/30.5.48.

In continuation of the Board's reference cited, a copy of the Government memo cited is forwarded to the Collectors. It has been suggested that the deteriorating wheat stocks may befirst cleaned before issue by adopting one or more of the following methods in the discretion of the Collectors.

(i) wheat may be cleaned at the Godowns at the expense of the Government before issue to wholesalers.

(ii) The retailers may be asked to clean the stuff themselves under the supervision of some Government officer on condition that the Government should pay compensation for the loss and expenditure incurred by them in such cleaning.

(ii) The retailers may beallowed to add a small charge to the issue price for purposesof cleaning and clean the stuff themselves.

The Board considers that the first two methods are safer and should be adopted as far as possible. The Collectors are requested to report before 20.6.48 the particulars called for by the Government.

N.S. MANI,
SECRETARY.

To all Collectors with enclosure.
To the Wheat Supervisor, Madras. (with enclosure).
Copy to all Rationing Officers with enclosure.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Food Department, Madras with encl.
Copy to L-II 3 copies.
Spare 20.

/Forwarded/By Order/

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SUPERINTENDENT.

ENCLOSURE.

COPY OF GOVERNMENT MEMO NO.24679-C/48-3 (Food) d/30.5.48:

SUB: Wheat-Condition of wheat issued through ration and relief shops-cleaning of.

During the recent tour of the Honourable the Food Minister

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BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES)

WHEAT--Cleaning of--Orders issued by the Board--Clarification of.

Board's Reference 80155 H/48 C.S.
Dated 9th July 1948.

From

V.S. HEJMADI ESQ., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

N.S. MANI ESQ., I.C.S., Secretary to the
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Ref: Government Memo.No.24679-C/48-4 d/26.6.48.

The price of wheat is already very high when compared with that of rice and other foodgrains. The inclusion of the cost of cleaning will still further raise the price and this will not enable wheat stocks to be cleared soon. The Board considered it safer to adopt the first two methods suggested by the Government in their Memo No.24679 C/48-2 dated 30.5.48. In the circumstances, the Board requests that the cleaning charges and the loss in bulk due to cleaning may be borne by the Government so far as wheat stocks are concerned.

2. With reference to para 2 of the Government Memo cited the Board submits that the term" issue price" connotes both (i) the price at which the wholesaler releases stocks to retailer or relief shops (wholesale price) and (ii) price at which the retailer or relief shop keeper sells the stocks to the consumer (retail price). The issue price contemplated in item (iii) of para 1 of the Board's reference is the retail issue price. The Board followed the wording of the Government's instructions in para 1 (iii) of the Government Memo No. 24679 C/48-2 dated/30.5.48.

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FOR SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government,
Food Department, Madras.

Food (C)

Memo no 24679 C/43-7 dated/9.3.48.

Sub: Wheat--Cleaning of--Cleaning charges to be borne by Government.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue(CS) Reference 80155H/48 d/9.7.48.

In the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue(CS) in its reference cited, the Government accept its proposal that the cleaning charges and the loss in bulk due to cleaning charges and may be borne by Government so far as wheat stocks are concerned. The Government also approved the instructions issued by the Board in its reference no.72058 H/48 dated/ 7.6.48.

(Sd.)

To The Board of Revenue(CS)

Office of the Board of Revenue (CIVIL SUPPLIES) Chepauk.
C.K. Vijayaraghavan Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

B.P. Ref. 1318/49, dated 27th July, 1949.

SUB: Wheat and wheat products--issue of deteriorating stocks after cleaning--cleaning charges--bearing of by Government instructions issued.

READ: Government Memo. No.25002-D/49-1, Food, dt.4.7.49.

In its reference No.72058-H/48(CS), dt. 28.5.48, Collectors were requested to take steps to clean stocks of wheat which showed a tendency to deteriorate and make them fit for use. In its reference No.72058-H/48(CS), dt. 7.6.48, the Collectors were again informed that deteriorating stocks of wheat should first be cleaned and issued by adopting one or more of the three methods mentioned therein at their discretion. They were informed at the same time that the first two methods mentioned in the Board's reference which contemplated the Government bearing the cleaning charges were safer and should be adopted as far as possible, In their memo no: 24679-C/48-7, Food, dt. 9.8.1948, the Government accepted the Board's proposal that the cleaning charges and the loss in bulk to the cleaning of wheat stocks should be borne by the Government. In its reference no: 80155-H/48(CS), dt. 18.8.48, the gist of the orders the Government was intimated to the Collegtors and they were asked to submit proposals for payment of subsidy or write off as the case may be furnishing the particulars called for therein.

It is however seen that some of the Collectors have not correctly understand the orders of the Government and the Board in the matter. They seem to be under the impression that the orders issued by the Board were applicable only to such of the stocks as required cleaing at the time of the issue of these orders and not to stocks which required or might require cleaning subsequently. This assumption is not correct. The Government have decided to bear the cost of cleaning and the loss in bulk due to the cleaning of wheat for the reasons that the price of wheat is already high and that the addition of the cleaning charges and the value of wheat lost in cleaning to the issue price will still further increase the cost of wheat, thereby affecting the consumption of wheat. Collectors are therefore informed that the orders in Government memorandum no: 24679-C/48-7, Food, dt. 9.8.48 are still in force, that all charges incurred in cleaning/deterioration will be borne by the Government and that no portion of the charges should be passed on to the consumers. These orders will also apply to the cleaning of wheat products maida and semolina, the price of which is also high.

The receipt of these proceedings should be acknowledged.

N.S. Arunachalam,
Deputy Commissioner, (North).

To
The All Collectors.
Copy to the City Rationing Officer, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Food Dept, Madras.
Copy to LII section.

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SUPERINTENDENT.

Forwarded/By order.

A deteriorating stocks of wheat before issue including fumigation when undertaken and the value of wheat lost in cleaning or fumigation

NOTE FILE.

To Assistant Secretary.

During the last tour of the Honourable the Food Minister to the Government of India in this province, it was noticed that the wheat supplied in some of the ration and relief shops was absolutely rotten and badly deteriorated. The Government thereupon directed that such stuff should be immediately condemned and disposed of as fodder In cases where deterioration had not gone so far as to render the stuff unfit for human consumption, it was ordered that it should be cleaned before issue by adopting one of the three methods given below:

(i) wheat may be cleaned at the Godowns at the expense of the Government before issue to wholesalers.

(ii) The retailers may be asked to clean the stuff themselves under the supervision of some Government Officer on condition that the Government should pay compensation for the loss and expenditure incurred by them in such cleaning,

(iii) The retailers may be allowed to add a small charge to the issue price for purposes of cleaning and clean the stuff themselves.

The Board considered that the first two methods are safer and should be adopted as far as possible and has issued instructions accordingly. The Board is of the view that cleaning charges should be borne by Government and that they should not be passed on to the consumer as suggested in item 3 above, as the price of wheat is already very high when compared with that of rice and other foodgrains and that any enhancement of price in respect of wheat is likely to retard the speedy disposal of the wheat stocks. This Department and the Finance Department have accepted the Board's view and the draft memorandum below approves the action of the Board in having issued instructions already in this respect.

The Board has been requested to report the actual loss incurred by the Government in cleaning the wheat. Its report is awaited. The case may, in the meanwhile, be circulated to Honourable Minister (Food) and Honourable Minister (Finance) for approval of the draft Memo.

(Sd.)

(Issued as Memo No.24679 C/48-7 dt/9.8.48.)
(From the Board of Revenue (CS) Reference No. 80155 H/48 dt/18.8.48)

To Assistant Secretary.

Board's reference at page 31cf may be perused with reference to the Government memo at page 29 c.f. and 'M' on page 18 c.f. Further report regarding the loss incurred in cleaning may be awaited till 20.9.48.

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From the Board of Revenue(CS) Reference No.80155 H/48 dt/13.10.48)

To Assistant Secretary.

Board's reference at page 33-34 cf, may be perused

with reference to the Government memo at page 18 cf. The Board has stated that the anticipated loss due to the cleaning of wheat stocks is Rs.8850 and that as and when reports from collectors of the Districts are received regarding cleaning of wheat stocks, it will sanction the expenditure after scrutiny. In this connection it is submitted that in coimbatore district already 60 bons have been cleaned, the cleaning charges being Rs.371.4.0. There was also a shortage of 86 maunds 24 ses. due to cleanigg , amounting to a lossof Rs.1607-8-3.--Please see page 1 cf of H.

No further action is called for in the file. The papers may be recorded after perusal by Finance.

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Finance (Accts B)

(Previous Finance rate on page 4-5 above)

The further notes of Food from the botton of page 6 above may be perused and the case returned to Food.

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Food (C)

Wheat--Stocks in the Districts--Condition and Disposal--Loss due to cleaning of deteriorated Stocks--Papers--Recorded.

Order Ms.No.983 d/2.11.48.

The papers may now be recorded.

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